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SUMMARY

1. ON DECEMBER 5, AMBASSADOR SPIEGEL CHAIRED A MEETING OF THE RWANDA OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GROUP TO FOLLOW UP ON DISCUSSIONS OF "GENEVA ISSUES" RAISED AT THE NOVEMBER 22 INAUGURAL ROSG IN WASHINGTON.

2. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES OGATA, IN A DISCUSSION OF THE STATUS OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS, USED THE FORUM TO REITERATE THE URGENCY OF THE CAMP SECURITY PROBLEM AND TO BRIEF PARTICIPANTS ON THE STATUS OF UNHCR ACTIONS. SHE ANNOUNCED THAT A UNHCR ASSESSMENT MISSION TO LOOK AT INTERIM SECURITY MEASURES IS ON STAND-BY WAITING FOR APPROVAL OF THE MISSION BY THE SYG. ROSG REPRESENTATIVES NOTED HER COMMENTS, AND SOME URGED HER TO GO AHEAD WITH THE ASSESSMENT MISSION. OGATA ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT CARROT FAUBERT (A CANADIAN WHO IS ONE OF UNHCR'S BEST OFFICERS, MOST RECENTLY HAS HEAD OF UNOSOM/HUMANITARIAN, AND BEFORE THAT WAS UNHCR REP IN KENYA) WILL BE HER SPECIAL ENVOY FOR RWANDA AND SURROUNDING COUNTRIES. SHE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN THAT THERE WAS INADEQUATE COORDINATION OF UN ACTIVITIES IN THE RWANDA REGION WHICH RELATED TO HER MANDATE FOR THE REFUGEE CAMPS.

3. ON PLANS FOR REGIONAL CONFERENCES, MRS. OGATA NOTED CONFUSION ABOUT SEPARATE INITIATIVES TO HOLD TWO

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CONFERENCES, A REFUGEE CONFERENCE SPONSORED BY UNHCR AND OAU BY MARCH AND A UN-SPONSORED POLITICAL CONFERENCE LATER IN THE YEAR. ROSG MEMBERS WELCOMED UNHCR/OAU PLANS TO HOLD A REFUGEE CONFERENCE PREPARATORY MEETING IN ADDIS ON DECEMBER 12, AND URGED HER AND THE TUNISIAN REPRESENTATIVE (WHO REPRESENTED THE OAU) TO ACCELERATE PLANNING TO HOLD THE PLENARY SESSION IN BUJUMBURA, IF POSSIBLE IN JANUARY.

4. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AYALA LASSO

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BRIEFED MEMBERS OF THE ROSG ON THE STATUS OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD OPERATION IN RWANDA, WHICH NOW HAS 62 FIELD OFFICERS AND SIX CONSULTANTS DEPLOYED IN SEVEN PREFECTURES. BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THE HCHR EXPECTS TO INCREASE FIELD STAFF TO 100 COVERING ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, CONTINGENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF NECESSARY LOGISTICS. IN OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS, AYALA LASSO NOTED THAT AN ASSESSMENT MISSION HAS JUST COMPLETED A VISIT TO RWANDA, AND THAT IT WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUCH ISSUES AS ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

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5. NINE OF THE ELEVEN ROSG COUNTRIES (INCLUDING FRANCE) WERE REPRESENTED BY THE GENEVA AMBASSADOR/CHARGE. IN ADDITION TO THE HIGH COMMISSIONERS FOR REFUGEES AND HUMAN RIGHTS, THE UN WAS REPRESENTED BY THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF DHA/GENEVA. END SUMMARY.

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7. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, AMBASSADOR SPIEGEL EMPHASIZED THAT THE ROSG IS NOT A CONTACT GROUP, A POLITICAL PRESSURE GROUP, OR A DECISION MAKING FORUM, BUT A BODY INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE UN, THE OAU AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN EFFORTS TO BRING STABILITY TO THE

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RWANDA-BURUNDI REGION. HE ADDED THAT GENEVA MEETINGS
WOULD FOCUS ON HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES,

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THOUGH OTHER RELATED ISSUES WOULD INEVITABLY ARISE. THE AMBASSADOR ANNOUNCED THAT PARTICIPANTS WOULD RECEIVE A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUMMARY OF MEETING PROCEEDINGS QUICKLY TO ENSURE FULL COORDINATION WITH ROSG MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. (NOTE. THE SUMMARY IN PARA 11 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO GENEVA PARTICIPANTS" END NOTE.)

COMMENT: MEETING DYNAMICS

8. WE WERE STRUCK BY INTENSE PARTICIPATION OF SEVERAL OF ROSG MEMBERS AT THE MEETING, AND THE COINCIDENCE OF THEIR POSITIONS WITH OUR OWN. THE INTERVENTIONS OF THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR STOOD OUT IN EVERY ITEM OF THE AGENDA. HIS RECURRING THEME WAS THAT ONLY A COMPREHENSIVE REGIONAL SOLUTION COULD ADDRESS THE RWANDA/BURUNDI CRISIS EFFECTIVELY. HE OFFERED BELGIAN FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE AND FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WAY-STATIONS FOR RETURNING REFUGEES. THE NETHERLANDS WAS EMPHATIC IN SUPPORT FOR MRS. OGATA'S EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE CAMP SECURITY PROBLEM AND REPEATED THE GON OFFER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED SECURITY ASSESSMENT MISSION. THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR RECONCILIATION AND SHARED THE VIEW THAT SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE QUICKLY TO ADDRESS CAMP SECURITY- THE JAPANESE AMBASSADOR WELCOMED THE GENEVA MEETING AND ASKED FOR DETAILS ABOUT THE PULLOUT OF SEVERAL NGO'S FROM EASTERN ZAIRE.

9. SEVERAL ROSG REPRESENTATIVES TOLD US AFTER THE MEETING THAT IT HAD BEEN A USEFUL FORUM TO DISCUSS THE

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MOST PRESSING HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS IN THE REGION AND TO
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PUSH KEY INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE.
THERE WAS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT FOR MRS. OGATA'S EFFORTS TO
PUSH FOR PRACTICAL DECISIONS ON INTERIM SECURITY
MEASURES, PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE DELAY IN IMPLEMENTING
LONGER-TERM SOLUTIONS. REPRESENTATIVES ALSO SUPPORTED
MRS. OGATA'S CALL FOR DIALOGUE AND RECONCILIATION, WHICH
UNDERLY UNHCR'S STRATEGIC REPATRIATION PLAN. IN OGATA'S
VIEW "REPATRIATION IS THE ONLY VALID AND LEGITIMATE
SOLUTION."

10. GIVEN THE ROLE OF GENEVA ORGANIZATIONS IN
HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS OF THE RWANDA
PROBLEM AND THE PRAGMATIC FOCUS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS, WE
BELIEVE ANOTHER ROSG GENEVA MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN
JANUARY. FOR THAT MEETING, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD ALSO BE
USEFUL TO INVITE THE OAU AMBASSADOR BASED HERE (IN
ADDITION TO TUNISIA AS OAU CHAIRMAN). END COMMENT.

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

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A. THE ROSG MET IN GENEVA ON DECEMBER 5 TO FOLLOW UP ON THE HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS ITEMS OF THE GROUP'S AGENDA. THE MEETING WAS CHAIRED BY THE U.S. WITH ATTENDANCE FROM THE PERMANENT MISSIONS OF BELGIUM, CANADA, FRANCE, GERMANY, JAPAN, THE NETHERLANDS, SWEDEN, TUNISIA, THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION. UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES SADAKO OGATA, UN HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS JOSE AYALA LASSO, AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS OFFICER-IN-CHARGE PHILIPPE BOULE ALSO ATTENDED-

B. IN HIS OPENING REMARKS, THE CHAIRMAN EMPHASIZED THAT THE ROSG IS NOT A CONTACT GROUP, A POLITICAL PRESSURE GROUP OR A DECISION MAKING FORUM, BUT RATHER A BODY INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE UN, THE OAU AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN EFFORTS TO BRING STABILITY TO THE RWANDA-BURUNDI REGION. HE ADDED THAT GENEVA MEETINGS WOULD FOCUS ON HUMANITARIAN AND HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, THOUGH OTHER RELATED ISSUES WOULD INEVITABLY ARISE.

STATUS OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS

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C. MRS. OGATA REVIEWED THE CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS LEADING
TO THE SECR

ETARY GENERAL'S REPORT ON CAMP SECURITY AND
THE RESULTING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION AND
STATEMENT. THESE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATE UNHCR'S PROPOSAL
TO SEND AN ASSESSMENT MISSION TO ZAIRE TO REVIEW THE
FEASIBILITY OF DEPLOYING AN INTERNATIONAL POLICE FORCE
TO SECURE THE CAMPS, AT LEAST UNTIL THE SECURITY
COUNCIL'S PREFERRED LONG-TERM OPTION IS IMPLEMENTED.

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MRS. OGATA REPORTED THAT UNHCR HAS SUCH AN ASSESSMENT MISSION ON STAND-BY UNTIL THE SECRETARY GENERAL HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE SECURITY COUNCIL'S ACTIONS AND TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE ASSESSMENT MISSION IS CONSISTENT WITH THEM. SHE SAID THAT SHE HAS NOT RULED OUT THE POSSIBILITY OF HIRING A PRIVATE CONTRACT GUARD FORCE TO ADDRESS THE CAMP SECURITY PROBLEM, AS LONG AS THE ROLE OF THAT FORCE IS TO TRAIN ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES. SHE UNDERLINED THAT ANY PLAN TO DEAL WITH THE IMMEDIATE CAMP SECURITY THREAT HAS TO INVOLVE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES AND A DIALOGUE WITH CAMP LEADERS.

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D. IN THE MEANTIME, MRS. OGATA NOTED, UNHCR WILL CONTINUE TO DO EVERYTHING WITHIN ITS REACH TO IMPROVE SECURITY IN THE CAMPS BECAUSE THE SITUATION IS WORSENING. IN THIS REGARD, SHE SAID THAT UNHCR PLANNED TO PROCEED IN MID-DECEMBER WITH THE REGISTRATION OF REFUGEES IN THE CAMPS, WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO DETERMINE FOOD NEEDS AND TO IDENTIFY MALNUTRITION PROBLEMS. THIS WILL BE A MAJOR UNDERTAKING REQUIRING SOME 800 PERSONS AND THE COOPERATION OF UN AGENCIES AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

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E. SEVERAL ROSG REPRESENTATIVES EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN THAT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY MAY NOT BE RESPONDING QUICKLY ENOUGH TO THE CAMP SECURITY PROBLEM. ONE MEMBER URGED MRS. OGATA TO GO AHEAD WITH THE ASSESSMENT MISSION AND OFFERED TO PROVIDE POLICE EXPERTS TO THE MISSION. OTHER MEMBERS SUPPORTED MRS. OGATA'S STRATEGIC PLAN AND EMPHASIZED THE NEED TO INVOLVE THE PRINCIPAL ACTORS (THE RWANDAN GOVERNMENT, INTERNALLY-DISPLACED PERSONS, UNAMIR, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY) IN THE PROCESS.

F. MRS. OGATA EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR IMPROVED COORDINATION AMONG UN AGENCIES ON THE GROUND IN KIGALI. SHE ALSO REITERATED THAT DIALOGUE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA AND LEADERS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY IF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IS TO COME TO A SOLUTION. SHE ANNOUNCED THAT SHE HAS NAMED MR. CARROL FAUBERT TO BE HER SPECIAL ENVOY FOR RWANDA AND THE FOUR

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NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES.

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G. MRS. OGATA ALSO MENTIONED PROBLEMS REGARDING THE ENVIRONMENT AND WILDLIFE PERSERVATION. SHE SAID THERE WAS GROWING ENCROACHMENT ON ZAIRE'S VIRUNGA NATIONAL PARK BY REFUGEES LOOKING FOR FIREWOOD. THIS HAS IRRITATED ZAIRIAN/REFUGEE RELATIONS FURTHER, PROVIDING ANOTHER POTENTIAL FLASHPOINT. FOR ITS PART, UNHCR HAS SENT A TEAM OF ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERTS TO REVIEW THE SITUATION AND FORMULATE SOLUTIONS, INCLUDING THE POSSIBILITY OF SHIPPING IN FIREWOOD FROM UP TO 100 KILOMETERS AWAY.

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REPATRIATION PLANNING

H. MRS. OGATA EMPHASIZED THAT UNHCR UNDERSTANDS THAT REPATRIATION IS THE ONLY VALID SOLUTION TO THE REFUGEE PROBLEMS IN THE REGION. FOR THIS, SHE SAID, RECONCILIATION IS NECESSARY. UNHCR IS DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REPATRIATION. THE FIRST STEP OF THE PLAN, PROVIDING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK, INVOLVES THE NEGOTIATION AND SIGNING OF TRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN UNHCR, THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA, AND EACH NEIGHBORING REFUGEE-HOSTING COUNTRY. THE AGREEMENTS DEFINE THE OBJECTIVE CONDITIONS FOR REPATRIATION (RETURNEE PROTECTION, LAND TENURE, ETC.). THUS FAR, ONE SUCH AGREEMENT HAS BEEN SIGNED WITH ZAIRE; NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE WITH BURUNDI AND TANZANIA. UNHCR ASSISTANCE TO RETURNEES INSIDE RWANDA WILL BE COMMUNITY-BASED.

I. ONE ROSG REPRESENTATIVE SAID THAT REPATRIATION PLANNING SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HIGHER LEVEL OF STABILITY IN TANZANIA. ANOTHER SUGGESTED THAT THE

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RETURN OF RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM BURUNDI SHOULD BE GIVEN
HIGHEST PRIORITY, BECAUSE THEIR PRESENCE IS A
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DESTABILIZING EFFECT AND BECAUSE THE WORST OF THOSE WHO
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D GENOCIDE ARE NOT IN BURUNDI; HE ALSO SAID HIS
GOVERNMENT WAS WILLING TO ASSIST IN PROVIDING WAY
STATIONS OR TRANSIT CAMPS FOR REPATRIATION.

J. SEVERAL ROSG REPRESENTATIVES CITED THE NEED FOR
GREATER EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING THE SITUATION INSIDE
RWANDA, INCLUDING INVOLVEMENT OF THE WORLD BANK.

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

K. HIGH COMMISSIONER OGATA DESCRIBED PLANNING FOR
REGIONAL CONFERENCES TO ADDRESS THE RWANDA/BURUNDI
CRISIS. THE FIRST CONFERENCE, TO TAKE PLACE NO LATER
THAN MARCH 1995, WOULD BE ORGANIZED BY THE OAU AND UNHCR
AND WOULD ADDRESS "TECHNICAL" REFUGEE ISSUES. THE
SECOND CONFERENCE, TO TAKE PLACE LATER IN THE YEAR,
WOULD BE ORGANIZED BY THE UN SECRETARIAT AND WOULD
ADDRESS BROADER POLITICAL ISSUES.

L. MRS. OGATA NOTED THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE
CONFERENCES HAS NOT BEEN VERY CLEAR, BUT ONE WILL LIKELY
LEAD TO THE OTHER IN A FORM OF DOVETAILING. SHE SAID
THAT THE OAU AND UNHCR ARE ORGANIZING A PREPARATORY
MEETING TO TAKE PLACE IN ADDIS ABABA ON DECEMBER 12-13
TO WORK ON THE AGENDA OF THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE, THE
LIST OF PARTICIPANTS AND DOCUMENTS. THE IDEA IS TO HOLD
THE CONFERENCE BY MARCH, PERHAPS (FOR LOGISTICAL
REASONS) IN LATE JANUARY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ADDIS

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ABABA OAU MINISTERIAL MEETING. SHE ADDED THAT THE PRELIMINARY LIST OF PARTICIPANTS INCLUDES OAU MEMBERS, THE EUROPEAN UNION, THE NORDIC COUNTRIES, AND OBSERVERS AT THE ARUSHA ACCORDS.

M. ONE ROSG REPRESENTATIVE DESCRIBED THE LINKAGE BETWEEN THE TWO CONFERENCES AS TWO HALVES OF THE SAME GAME. ANOTHER SPOKE OF THE NEED FOR GOVERNMENTS TO DEAL WITH THE COMPLEXITIES OF BOTH THE REFUGEE AND BROADER POLITICAL PROBLEMS IN THIS FORMATIVE STAGE OF CONFERENCE PLANNING.

N. IN A SERIES OF STATEMENTS, ROSG REPRESENTATIVES STRESSED THAT EVERY EFFORT MUST BE MADE TO ACCELERATE PLANNING. THERE WAS A CONSENSUS THAT MARCH IS TOO LATE FOR THE REFUGEE CONFERENCE. MANY SPEAKERS EMPHASIZED THAT IT SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN JANUARY IN BUJUMBURA, AND ONE ANNOUNCED THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS PREPARED TO OFFER FINANCIAL HELP TO PUT THE CONFERENCE ON. ROSG REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED THE PREPARATORY MEETING IN ADDIS BEGINNING DECEMBER 12 AS PART OF THIS PLANNING PROCESS.

O. MRS. OGATA RESPONDED THAT IN THE END IT WOULD BE UP TO GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE TIMING AND VENUE, AND THAT UNHCR WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE CONCERN EXPRESSED AT THE MEETING. SHE SOUNDED A NOTE OF CAUTION ABOUT THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE FOCUS OF THE CONFERENCE ON REFUGEE ISSUES AND TO AVOID STRAYING INTO THE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AREA, WHICH SOME COUNTRIES OF THE REGION WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

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RIGHTS FIELD OPERATION IN RWANDA, WHICH NOW HAS 62 FIELD OFFICERS AND SIX CONSULTANTS DEPLOYED IN SEVEN PREFECTURES. BY THE END OF THE YEAR, THE HCHR EXPECTS TO INCREASE FIELD STAFF TO 100 COVERING ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, CONTINGENT ON THE AVAILABILITY OF NECESSARY LOGISTICS. THE EUROPEAN UNION WILL MAKE AVAILABLE A TEAM OF 50 FULLY-EQUIPPED AND QUALIFIED PERSONNEL AS PART OF THE FIELD OPERATION.

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Q. IN OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS:

-- A FORMAL AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA ON THE SCOPE AND ACTIVITIES OF THE FIELD OPERATION.

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-- A TRAINING COURSE FOR ALL FIELD STAFF HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND WILL COMMENCE ON DECEMBER 12.

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-- AGREEMENT WAS REACHED FOR THE FIELD OPERATIONS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PEACE KEEPING OPERATIONS TO PROVIDE LOGISTICAL AND SOME ADMINISTRATIVE BACKSTOPPING TO THE FIELD OPERATION.

-- A HUMAN RIGHTS NEEDS ASSESSMENT MISSION HAS JUST COMPLETED A VISIT TO RWANDA. IT WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUCH ISSUES AS ESTABLISHING PROGRAMS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

-- THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT HAS ACCELERATED ITS WORK WITH THE ARRIVAL OF NEW INVESTIGATORS IN LATE OCTOBER; ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATORS ARE EXPECTED SOON. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MET WITH INTERNATIONAL TRIBUNAL CHIEF PROSECUTOR GOLDSTONE TO ENSURE THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

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UNIT CONFORM COMPLETELY WITH HIS DESIRES AND THE
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R. USD 4,150,100 HAS BEEN PLEDGED IN SUPPORT OF FIELD OPERATIONS, OF WHICH ONLY USD 567,135 HAS BEEN RECEIVED, IN ADDITION TO ADVANCE OF USD 3 MILLION FROM THE CENTRAL EMERGENCY REVOLVING FUND. EXPENDITURE COMMITMENTS TO DATE TOTAL USD 2.3 MILLION, WHILE ESTIMATED MONTHLY EXPENDITURES ARE APPROXIMATELY USD 530,000" AT THIS RATE, FUNDS WILL BE EXHAUSTED WITHIN TWO MONTHS. THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD OPERATION WILL BE PART OF THE CONSOLIDATED APPEAL TO BE LAUNCHED IN JANUARY 1995.

S. ONE ROSG REPRESENTATIVE NOTED THAT MANY GOVERNMENTS
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ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE IN THE
ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE OR A SIMILAR FIELD, AND
SUGGESTED THAT THE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE UNDERTAKE
COORDINATION OF SUCH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

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T. DHA/GENEVA OFFICER-IN-CHARGE BOULE NOTED THAT ON UNDP WILL HOST A ROUNDTABLE ON RWANDA TO DISCUSS HUMANITARIAN AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS. TENTATIVE DATES ARE JANUARY 17 AND 18 IN GENEVA. HE ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT THE INTER-AGENCY CONSOLIDATED APPEAL FOR RWANDA WOULD BE RELEASED IN EARLY JANUARY.

NEXT STEPS

U. SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED THE ROSG MEETING IN GENEVA BECAUSE IT PROVIDES A FORUM TO FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES. THERE WAS CONSENSUS THAT SUCH GENEVA MEETINGS MUST BE COORDINATED CLOSELY WITH ROSG MEETINGS IN NEW YORK. TO THIS ENDS THE CHAIRMAN OFFERED TO DISTRIBUTE QUICKLY A SUMMARY OF THE MEETING PROCEEDINGS TO ENSURE DISTRIBUTION WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE NEW YORK MEETING.

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